

REMARKS

[0001] Claims 1-24 are allowed. Applicants submit these amendments which direct the application exclusively to a single set of method claims without any change in the scope of the allowed claims. Claims 1-11 and 23-24 are cancelled.

[0002] Applicants request that these amendments be entered in accordance with MPEP §714.16. Applicants submit the enclosed amendments to cancel non-method claims and to the title and abstract to conform to the type of claims remaining. Applicants note that entering of these amendments is within the discretion of the Examiner because cancellation of claims from the application does not require approval from the Examiner's supervisor. MPEP §714.16(d).

[0003] In this Amendment, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-11 and 23-24 from further consideration in this application. Applicant is not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by Claims 1-11 and 23-24 is not patentable. Claims 1-11 and 23-24 were cancelled in this Amendment solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the remaining claims. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue additional claims, including the subject matter encompassed by Claims 1-11 and 23-24, as presented prior to this Amendment in one or more continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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